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Memorandum for the Record

To: Universal Service Administration Company
Program Compliance Team

From: DeBorah Ahmed
Vice President
The Better Family Life Cultural Center and Museum
BEN: 16045159

Re: Response To Request For Additional Information For The Appeal Of USAC Denial For
Form 471 Application # 597474

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to our E-Rate application submittal, Form 471 application number 597474, for the 2008 school year, and in support of our appeal initiative which is intended to reverse the denial (FCDL dated 6/09/09), I am hereby submitting the information that was requested by the aforementioned USAC denial action, in the order as cited in the USAC "15 day Letter" communiqué.

Issue I – Eligibility Status

Regarding our mutual understanding and acceptance of The Better Family Life Cultural Center and Museum as a recognized school entity as defined under USAC program tenets, I am citing the following excerpt from the "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001", specifically (20 U.S.C. § 7801(18) and (38)) as directed by the USAC "15 day Letter" communiqué:

"The term secondary school means a nonprofit institutional day or residential school, including a public secondary charter school, that provides secondary education, as determined under State law, except that the term does not include any education beyond grade 12."

The Better Family Life Cultural Center and Museum is a non-traditional secondary school that provides education but not beyond the grade 12 level for preparation of their students for their GED. The State of Missouri, in which this school is located, does not regulate this type of program but does depend on schools like The Better Family Life Cultural Center and Museum to reduce the drop-out rate in the State. Further, the School is a nonprofit entity as defined by the IRS in February of 1985 under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Better Family Life Cultural Center and Museum **Federal Identification Number** is **43-1346617**. I have also attached a copy of our three-page Letter 1045 (DO) (rev.10-8), our proof of not-for-profit status or 501C3 determination letter. This is Attachment 1 and is labeled, "IRS Determination Letters".

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Further, it is categorically stated herein for the record that The Better Family Life Cultural Center and Museum does not have endowments of over \$50 million and therefore should be recognized by USAC as a valid school entity that is entitled to E-Rate grants.

Issue II – Discount Rate Validation

– Option 2

Regarding the validation of our requested discount rate of 90%, consistent with the USAC-requested information listing, specifically Option 2, please note the following response, in the format requested, in support of our claim for 90% discount rate eligibility for E-Rate grant funding.

- a) *Total number of students enrolled:* **101**
- b) *Total number of surveys/applications sent out:* **101**
- c) *Number of surveys/applications returned:* **101**
- d) *Total number of students qualified for NSLP per the returned surveys/applications:* **81**
- e) *Are the Surveys/applications and results kept on file?* **Yes**

In addition to the aforementioned informational response, I am hereby submitting as additional evidentiary information, the following attachments for your review as furtherance of our discount eligibility of 90%:

- 1) Attachment 2 – “2008 E-Rate Family Survey”:** The original survey document and methodology which was used for the determination of economic status of our student enrollment.
- 2) Attachment 3 – “2008 E-Rate Family Survey Completed”:** A parent survey response example.
- 3) Attachment 4 – “The E-Rate Family Survey”:** A documented certification of the aforementioned enrollment survey documenting the survey results.

Issue III – FCC Registration Number

The Better Family Life Cultural Center and Museum **FCC Registration Number** is **0017463878**.

I believe that the information provided to USAC within this response is accurate and complete. Please feel free to contact me directly if you require any further information or clarification to this evidentiary information submittal.

Sincerely,



DeBorah Ahmed
Vice President
The Better Family Life Cultural Center and Museum